

second branch being fixedly attached to the right shoulder strap, a back end of the first branch and a back end of the second branch being fixedly attached to the lanyard securing member positioned centrally with respect to the left shoulder strap and the right shoulder strap on [a] the back side of the body harness ;

said left shoulder strap and said right shoulder strap each having a first non-resilient portion configured to extend [extending] from about a waistline of a user to about a shoulder level of the user, a second resilient stretchable portion co-extensively fixedly attached to the first portion and [extending] configured to extend over a shoulder of the user and a third non-resilient portion co-extensively fixedly attached to the second portion and [extending] configured to extend along a back of the user to about the waistline of the user.

Claim 2 (amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein each of said second portions of said left shoulder strap and said right shoulder strap is an elastomeric resilient portion located adjacent an apex of the shoulder strap.

Claim 3 (amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein said first branch and said second branch of the suspender assembly is sewn to said left shoulder strap and said right shoulder strap respectively.

4. The device of Claim 1, wherein said body harness further comprises a belt for encircling the user's waist, and wherein each of said shoulder straps terminates at said belt.

Claim 22. The device of Claim 1, wherein said front end of the first branch is fixedly attached to the left shoulder strap below said second portion and wherein said front end

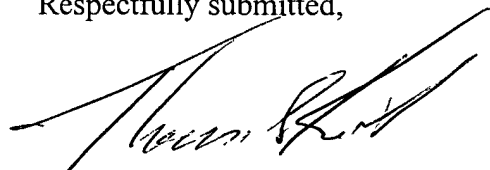
of the second branch is fixedly attached to the right shoulder strap below said second portion.

Claim 23. The device of Claim 22, wherein said front end of the first branch is stitched to the left shoulder strap and the front end of the second branch is stitched to the left shoulder strap and to the right shoulder strap.

Examiner's new grounds of rejection necessitated the now presented amendments.

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